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Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign Art Contest Results Announced

RICHMOND – More than 470 Virginia sixth, seventh and eighth grade students recently competed in the 2004 Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC) poster contest. The goal for each student was to create a poster to portray the CVC campaign theme of "Lend a Helping Hand".

First place was awarded to Megan Buckner of West Point, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Buckner, who submitted a color pencil drawing of interlocking hands in support of the CVC 2004 campaign theme "Lend A Helping Hand." A panel of judges that included Sara Wilson, Director of the Department of Human Resource Management gathered at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and selected her drawing as the best.

Second place was awarded to Sasha Duran of Burke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Duran. Third place was awarded to Connie Sanabria, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Sanabria, of Fairfax.

The following students received an honorable mention:

Sara McGinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky McGinnis, from Tazewell Elysia Swindell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Swindell, from Grafton Asia Stanin, daughter of Rashid Betts and Niteria Holley, from Newport News Jacob Eisenhour, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Eisenhour, from Newport News Melanie Hembree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Membree, from Abingdon Gi-Young Kim, daughter of Insook Kim, from McLean Lauren Lin, daughter of Mr. Andy Lin and Ms. Chao-Hua Chen, from Fairfax

For the first time, the CVC poster contest was tied to Standards of Learning in history, social studies and visual arts. Forty-seven school districts from around the state participated in the art contest.

The Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign is the annual statewide giving program for state employees. Governor Mark Warner serves as the honorary chair. In 2003, the campaign raised over \$3.2 million to benefit over 1,000 charities in Virginia and the U.S.

For more information please visit www.cvc.vipnet.org.